

FIVE THOUSAND DUCKS ARE SLAIN

Open Season Begins With Wholesale Slaughter.

GREAT EXODUS OF HUNTERS

BANKS OF PONDS ARE LINED WITH NIMRODS.

A flash of light appeared over the marshes near Great Salt Lake in the darkness before dawn yesterday morning. It was followed by a report. Presently flash after flash burst forth at intervals over the bottoms, followed by the boom, boom of shotguns, and the open season for ducks in Utah was inaugurated.

It is estimated that 5,000 ducks fell victims to hunters in the vicinity of Salt Lake City yesterday. There is no way of getting at the accurate figures, but that is the consensus of opinion of the dealers in ammunition and of hunters who visited the shooting grounds, about 1,000 persons started out from the city before dawn to get in on the first shooting, and it is estimated that the average number of ducks secured by each was five. Some were far more fortunate, while others fell below the average. W. H. Young, the restaurant man, made the best record as far as known. He not only killed the full legal limit of forty birds, but he dropped fourteen ducks in as many consecutive shots, all on the wing, and many at long range. The ducks were unusually plentiful, and few parties were unable to get good shots.

The slaughter was not confined to ducks. Almost as many mud hens as ducks fell before the shower of lead. Many a hunter of slight experience shot at a bird that skimmed the surface over a pond or lake, watched his shot take effect, waded out through mud and water to retrieve his game, only to find that he had shot a docile black mud hen. With a kick of disgust at a usual thing, he allowed the unprosperous fowl to float away, or else it was brought to land and turned over to some of the youngsters who were waiting with a "Please, mister, can I have any mud hens you shoot?"

"Just skin 'em, an' they're good as ducks," declared one gingham-shirted youth who was proudly carrying away seven.

Exodus Begins Early. The exodus of the nimrods began Wednesday evening. Large numbers of persons had an idea that by arriving early in the evening, camping out around a fire all night and shivering in the rain, they could shoot ducks before dawn. Then, too, there was a rivalry to pick the choice positions and to build the blinds of the youngsters who were waiting with a "Please, mister, can I have any mud hens you shoot?"

About 3 o'clock in the morning the hebra was at its height. Single bugles, surries, hacks, express wagons, lumber wagons, saddle horses, bicycles and the plain old-fashioned "shank's mare" were brought into service to carry the hunters to the abiding places of the water fowl. Along North Temple street in the dim light—the rays of the city's electric light—were seen the sky and re-enforced slightly by a few meek stars that managed to peek out in places from behind the clouds—was a regular procession. There were apparently merely a succession of dim masses, but in each mass was at least one man bent on bringing to earth a few ducks.

Here and there was the light of a campfire. As the sun gradually penetrated the mists and the clouds hanging over the Wasatch mountains, there could be described the rows of men—nearly all clad in khaki shooting costume, with caps and high wading boots—each one armed with a gun and waiting for a shot.

Impatient Man Starts Volley. Long before daylight there was a "boom," telling that one man had become impatient and fired at a shadow or the sound of a "quack." Soon the booming became more and more frequent, until there were volleys all over the bottom as rapid as if a great battle were in progress. In the dim light ducks fluttered along close to the water's edge or stretched their necks and struck out for higher altitudes, while "boom, boom, boom" went the guns. Every now and then some swiftly winging fowl stopped suddenly and dropped perpendicularly or slanted down to earth or water, to be recovered by a long-boated hunter or a retrieving dog.

As the sun drove away the clouds with its radiant splendor, the ducks flew higher and the shooting became less frequent. Nevertheless, there was a bombardment all day long over the entire stretch of country from the head of Utah lake, along the Jordan river and around the south and east shores of Great Salt Lake.

Nearly all the hunters were obliged to pay for the privilege of shooting, as most of the ground was kept as preserves by the owners. The public grounds, however, swarmed with nimrods, and some of the biggest bags were made by men who took their chances on this open territory.

NEWS NOT ENCOURAGING.

State Department Has Fresh Advice From Colombia.

Washington, Oct. 1.—The state department today received a cablegram from Minister Bauregas of Bogotá, Colombia, stating that the report of the committee of the Colombian congress, dated in a few days. The report approves the rejection of the treaty of Aug. 2, but disapproves the report of a committee of the congress to open negotiations for the construction of the canal under certified successful conditions. The object, the cablegram states, apparently is to leave the Colombian government at liberty to negotiate a fresh treaty without restrictions. It seems, says Minister Bauregas, that the report will probably be adopted. The news contained in the above cablegram is not considered of a very favorable character by the state department, indicating as it does, that the Colombian congress will refuse to give the president of Colombia a free hand in any negotiations which may occur in the future.

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SUPREME COURT HEARS MINE CASE

Arguments in Grand Central-Mammoth Suit Begun.

BARON'S ORDER IS PAID FOR

DAMAGES ARE ASKED FROM THE HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL.

The October term of the state supreme court began at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The reconvening of that body marked the end of the summer vacation, which had extended over a period of many months. During that time, however, the court has been down a large number of opinions and passed upon several important emergency suits, including the Mortenson and Haworth murder actions.

There were a large number of attorneys present when court was convened. Many were there in the interest of cases in which they were interested. Others were present as spectators and others out of compliment to the court. After several minor cases had been disposed of or continued by motions, the court called the famous Grand Central-Mammoth mining case.

Arguments were heard up to noon. At that time the court took a recess until 10 o'clock this morning, when they will be resumed. The action in the initiatory stages involved the ownership of ore taken by the

Mammoth from ground claimed by the Grand Central. The latter company brought a counter action and the suit finally found its way into the federal court. In the meantime questions arose as to whether the actions and counter actions on both sides should be tried singly or conjointly. There was a great deal of legal scuffling over that question and finally the whole aggregation of suits and counter suits found their way into the state supreme court.

SUES HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL.

Frank Getzshoffen Claims Damages For Loss of Eye.

Frank Getzshoffen has sued the sisters of the Holy Cross for \$2,000 for the loss of both eyes. He alleges in his complaint that through the negligence of the attendants at the Holy Cross hospital, where he was for treatment for one eye, the second became affected and he lost the sight of both.

Getzshoffen, who is 22 years of age, alleges that he was received in the hospital for treatment July 25, 1902. At that time he declares only his left eye was affected. He alleges that the sisters did not give him the proper treatment and that through their negligence and incompetence servants and agents, fail and neglect to give him the proper treatment. That by reason of the negligent acts and omissions of the defendant as aforesaid, plaintiff's right eye shortly became infected and the sight of both eyes has become completely destroyed and he has suffered great bodily anguish and mental distress, all to his damage in the sum of \$2,000.

Disbarment Proceedings Continued. The disbarment proceedings in the supreme court against Attorney Wilkins, A. E. Snow and J. M. Bowman, which were begun yesterday, were continued until Nov. 2, District Judge Martineau, who was to sit on the bench in place of Associate Justice Barth, was

unable to come to Salt Lake City yesterday. The disbarment proceedings are an outgrowth of a mining suit in which Mr. Wilkins acted as attorney and in the outcome of which action he was personally interested. In the papers filed in the supreme court serious charges were made against Associate Justice Barth, who was interested in the mining property. The court, in a decision, purged Justice Barth of the charge of using his judicial position to juggle stock in the company to his own and his friend's personal benefit.

BARON'S BELL IS PAID.

Judgment Is Entered For \$2,500 Against Brewery.

In Judge S. W. Stewart's division of the district court yesterday morning judgment for \$2,500 was rendered against A. Fisher et al., in favor of the American Publishing company, an eastern concern. Several years ago a German baron came to Salt Lake City and secured an order from the brewing company for a large amount of printing. When the order was received it was alleged the goods were not according to contract and the company refused to accept them. In the district court the publishing company secured judgment against the brewers for about \$4,000. The case was taken to the United States supreme court, where a new trial was secured. When the case came up yesterday morning both sides agreed to a judgment for \$2,500, which was entered by Judge Stewart.

Damage Suit on Trial. The personal damage suit of W. H. Sells against the Consolidated Railway & Power company is on trial in Judge S. W. Stewart's division of the district court. About three years ago Sells was knocked down by a street car and sustained three broken ribs and other injuries. He alleged that the accident was due to carelessness on the part of the company and sued for several thousand dollars.

INCREASED COST OF LIVING

Bureau of Labor Will Soon Publish the Results of Inquiry. Washington, Oct. 1.—The bureau of labor will shortly issue the results of an exhaustive study of the increased cost of living during the last few years in relation to the increase of wages. The results show that there has been a striking equality between the advance in wages and the increased cost of living, and that neither has come forward as much as formerly supposed. The charge that commodities have advanced 25 per cent is shown to be wide of the mark. It will be nearer 15 or 17 per cent.

District Court Notes. Minnie Lazebny has brought an action for a divorce from John T. Lazebny on the grounds of cruelty and desertion. She claims that on July 2, 1902, at Salina, he choked her so badly that she was sick in bed for two weeks. They were married at Miami May 22, 1901.

The Granite Lumber company says Frank E. Dorritton to recover \$1,725.33, which was due to it by Dorritton, defendant between Jan. 1 and Sept. 15, 1902.

David T. Walker, Jr., has been given

judgment against George F. Dalton for \$2,500, the face value and interest on a note executed July 30, 1902, in default of payment. Walker is awarded the proceeds from the sale of an undivided half interest in Stocks No. 1 and Stocks No. 2, both mining claims in Platte county.

A judgment for \$32 and costs was yesterday entered by Judge T. D. Lewis in favor of Joseph E. Crook against the Hercules Mining company. The money is due on a note for \$50 executed on Feb. 12, 1902.

Mrs. Esther E. Coffin has brought suit for divorce from E. C. Coffin on the grounds of non-support. They were married Nov. 1, 1892.

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PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

Cash Balance in the Treasury of \$389,417.184.

Washington, Oct. 1.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business Sept. 30, 1903, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,725,330, which is a decrease for the month of \$1,725,330.

The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest-bearing debt, \$1,725,330; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,197,050; debt bearing no interest, \$324,622.28. Total, \$3,247,002.28.

This amount, however, does not include \$62,700,989 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding, which are offset by an equal amount of cash held for the redemption.

The cash in the treasury is classified as follows: Gold reserve, \$10,000,000; trust funds, \$20,700,989; general fund, \$18,125,330; in national bank deposits, \$18,125,330; in treasury of Philippine funds, \$18,125,330; in treasury of United States disbursements, \$18,125,330; against which there are demand liabilities outstanding amounting to \$25,894,650, which leaves a cash balance on hand of \$88,417,184.

MURDERED AND ROBBED. Omaha, Neb., Oct. 1.—George McCall, a yard foreman for the Havens Coal company, was found and shot dead by a man who was early today, supposedly murdered and robbed. A deep gash across his forehead was cut across the side of his head. When last seen McCall was carrying a money bag with him, but none remained in his pocket when found.

Madame Carthagen, in charge of the Auerbach dressmaking division, whose return from the eastern fashion centers has been chronicled in last Sunday's paper, has just received all the imported French models selected by her in person, and will be pleased to show them to her friends and patrons in the Auerbach dressmaking parlors.

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DENVER ELECTION MUDDLE.

Both Sides Are Well Supplied With Affidavits.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 1.—W. H. Bryant, representing the Honest Election league, filed a motion in Judge Malone's court today asking that the sheriff, Hamilton Armstrong, be set aside in the selection of a grand jury to investigate the frauds at the charter election, and that two disinterested citizens be named as clerks to select the jury. Mr. Bryant read a number of affidavits, declaring that the sheriff took no steps on election day to select the jury, and that he is not a proper person to summon a jury.

It was also set forth in the affidavits that the jury thus far selected is made up of persons interested in the defeat of the charter or closely connected with interests which are against the charter. E. F. Richardson appeared for the Hamilton Armstrong and asked for time in which to prepare counter affidavits. The hearing was continued until next Wednesday.

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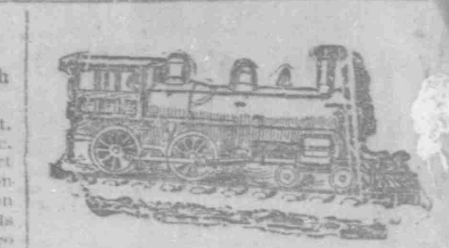
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